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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco and Oakland, and in Alameda County, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended February 20, 1909.

Sick inspected	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected	135
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held	0
Premises inspected	2,211
House disinfected	1
Nuisances abated	181
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Rats found dead	24
Rats trapped	1,924
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Total rats taken	1,948
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus	1,222
Mus rattus	51
Mus musculus	670
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Total	1,943
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Rats identified as to sex	1,243
Male	558
Female	685
Rats examined bacteriologically	1,162
Plague rats	0
Squirrels caught	7
Squirrels examined bacteriologically	4
Plague squirrels	0
Buildings condemned	10
Poisons placed	950

OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

Week ended February 13, 1909.

Dead inspected	24
Plague	0
Necropsies held	3
Premises inspected	678
Premises cleaned	115
Places made rat proof	2
Garbage cans installed	183
Nuisances abated	184
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Rats found dead	29
Rats trapped	547
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Total rats taken	576
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Mice trapped	55
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus	573
Mus rattus	3
Mus musculus	55
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Total	631
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Rats examined bacteriologically	566
Plague rats	0
Mice examined bacteriologically	55
Plague mice	0
Poisons placed	17,706

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended February 13.

Sick inspected	9
Plague	0
Dead inspected	59
Plague	0
Necropsies held	5

Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of animals for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson, plague laboratory, reports, February 23:

Animals examined in the laboratory in this city from February 8 to February 14, inclusive:

Ground squirrels	131
Gray rats	361
Black rats	6
White rats	8

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.

Report from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, February 15:

SEATTLE, WASH.

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.